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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/673,228

Group Art Unit: 3722

Filed: September 30, 2003

Examiner: D. Ross

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING FRICTION PLATE AND APPARATUS  
THEREFOR

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

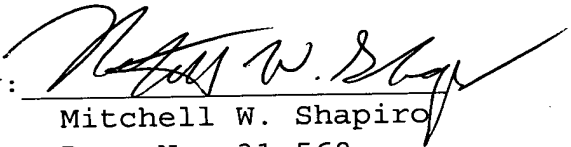
Responding to the Office Action mailed January 24,  
2005, and to the requirement for restriction therein,  
Applicants elect Group I (Claims 9 and 10) without  
traverse, reserving the right to file a divisional  
application with regard to the non-elected invention.

An action on the merits of the claims to the elected  
invention is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to  
Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16  
and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit

any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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